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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UDORN TELEGRAM 123, REPEATED FOR INFO.

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SUBJ: REFUGEE INFLUX INTO NONG KHAI PROVINCE

1. CONREP AND UDORN-BASED REPRESENTATIVE OF US  
VOLAGS CAMA SERVICES OBTAINED STATISTICAL SUMMARIES  
FROM DISTRICT POLICE OFFICIALS IN HONG KHAI  
PROVINCE ARRIVALS IN PROVINCE DURING FIRST THREE  
WEEKS OF THIS MONTH. ACCORDING TO DISTRICT POLICE  
STATISTICS, ABOUT HALF OF NEWCOMERS ARE LOWLAND LAO,

2. POLICE REPORTS ALSON SHOW THAT AMONG HILLTRIESMEN  
CONTINUE TO DOMINATE REFUGEE INFLUX INTO  
PHON PHISAI AND BUNG KAN DISTRICTS. NEARLY 350  
HMONG HAVE ENTERED TWO DISTRICTS SINCE BEGINNING OF  
JUNE, EXCEEDING LAST MONTH'S TOTAL OF 213. CONREP  
AND CAMA SERVICE REP STATE THAT HMONG REFUGEES ARE  
GENERALLY IN WRETCHED PHYSICAL CONDITION. THEY ADD  
THAT NEARLY EVERY GROUP OF HMONG PROVIDES ACCOUNTS  
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OF CASUALTIES SUFFERED AT HANDS OF LPDR/SRV MILITARY  
FORCES. TWO SUCH ACCOUNTS ARE REPORTED SEPTELS.  
OUR UNOFFICIAL TALLY OF HMONG ARRIVALS IN NONG KHAI  
PROVINCE SINCE MARCH 1 NOW TOTALS 2560.

3. UNHCR NORTHEAST REP INFORMED US JUNE 23 THAT OVER  
200 REFUGEES WERE TRANSFERED FROM NONG KHAI DETENTION

CENTER INTO REFUGEE CAMP JUN 21. HE STATES THAT CURRENT POPULATION OF DETENTION CENTER IS 962. NONG KHAI VICE GOVERNOR TOLD CONREP EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT AUTHORITIES EXPECT TO SHUT DOWN DETENTION CENTER IN NEAR FUTURE WITH RESULT THAT NEW REFUGEES WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY FROM DISTRICT JAILS TO EITHER NONG KHAI REFUGEE CAMP OR NAKHON PHANOM DETENTION CENTER.

4. COMMENT: DURING CONVERSATION WITH CONOFF JUNE 20, NONG KHAI GOVERNOR ESTIMATED PRESENT MONTHLY INFLUX OF REFUGEES INTO HIS PROVINCE AT 1500. THIS ESTIMATE SEEM TO CONFIRM REPORT FROM ANOTHER SOURCE, CITED REFTEL, OF NEW UPSURGE IN REFUGEE ARRIVALS. IN THIS REGARD WE NOTE THAT OUR UNOFFICIAL CALCULATION OF REFUGEE POPULATION IN NORTHEAST'S FIVE UNHCR-SUPPORTED CAMPS, PLUS NUMBER OF REFUGEE DETAINEES IN THREE DETENTION CENTERS (NONG KHAI 962, NAKHON PHANOM 429 AND BURIRAM 425), SHOWS GRAND TOTAL OF 70,000. THIS COMPUTATION IS BASED ON SEVERAL SOURCES IN ADDITION TO UNHCR WHOSE FIGURES USUALLY LAG BEHIND ACTUAL CAMP POPULATION TOTALS.

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